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TRAVEL: Total 395 by car, 120 by snowmobile

INSPECTIONS: Biological Woman, NPS, Jan. 14; Electrical Engineer Hoover, arrived Jan. 8; [illegible] lights and Vessel from Denver, in Jan. 20; [illegible] Jan. 19; Co. Advisor Johnson, Denver, Jan. 18

VISITORS: Carl Hayden, photographer, Salt Lake Tribune 14 Jan. 12; Cpt. Fleet visited Park on way to Alaska; Meeks, Jones and Delgado, Jan. 11

SPECIAL ACTIVITIES: Harrison and Jones to Idaho Conservation meeting in Bozeman, Jan. 6; Condon to Lewiston, provided Kiwanis Indian night program, Jan. 9; Harrison and Orlando, Jr. to Building Chamber of Commerce, Jan. 4; Joffe to Missoula, Jan 2; [illegible] meeting; Burns returned from Custer, Jan. 14, [illegible] and Joffe to Helena, public relations work and travels, Jan. 12; Reeves special assignment, Hagood, Jan. 14; Castellin, Brown, Rowe, Condon to Washington for general Conference, Jan. 12-24; Sylvester, Perry to NPS Interpretive Conference, Jan. 12-24; Grady Jackson Hole Chamber of Commerce, Jan. 21-24; Morris and Brown attend Maintenance Training Course, Missoula, Jan. 24; Perry talks at West Yellowstone Lions Club, Jan. 22

PERSONNEL: Short, reinstatement; Fisher converted to Custodian-Conditional; Riley, converted to Clerk; Hoover, resignation; Ingland, retirement; two examinations

IN-SERVICE TRAINING: Safety and orientation meeting, Jan. 30

MISCELLANEOUS:	NFFE annual election; AFGE hold regular meeting; school resumed Jan. 5; Explorer Scouts to Norris; Pratt promoted to First Lieutenant; Jerry Abbie honored; Community Council annual election; YLMA annual meeting; Joffee in hospital; Child and Galusha members of MSU Council; Snowmobiles, 19 trips, carrying 120 passengers; new accounting system; geographical distribution of payrolls; quarterly report FICA & FI tax; employees from various states;	4-5-6
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February 13, 1959

Memorandum

To: Director

From: Superintendent

Subject: Monthly Report for January, 1959

Following is the report of activities for Yellowstone National Park during the month of January, 1959:

General

Weather. Weather was pleasant with many clear days during January. More precipitation fell during the month than for January 1958. Total precipitation at Mammoth was 1.06 inches, at Tower Fall, 1.33 inches, and Lake, 1.82 inches, compared with last January of .36 inches at Mammoth, .54 inches at Tower Fall, and .87 inches at Lake. The maximum temperature at headquarters for the month was 45 degrees on January 12, and the minimum for the month was -29 degrees on January 3. On January 3, the following temperatures were recorded: West Yellowstone, -49 degrees, Northeast, -41 degrees, Lamar, -38 degrees, Old Faithful, -31 degrees.

Snow courses were taken at the end of the month for most of the Park. Courses averages are listed below.

	Snow Depth (Av.)	Water Content (Av.)
Lake #1	30.0 inches	5.7 inches
Lake #2	26.0 "	4.8 "
Canyon	42.0 "	9.8 "
East Entrance	32.3 "	7.3 "
Sylvan Pass	39.0 "	9.6 "
Northeast Entrance	28.2 "	5.0 "
Norris	29.3 "	5.4 "
Lupine	30.5 "	6.6 "
Lewis River Divide	76.0 "	23.4 "
Snake River	42.0 "	11.0 "

Snow depth was 32 inches at West Yellowstone, and 28 inches at Old Faithful at the end of the month.

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Increase or Decrease in Travel. The total travel in the Park during January was 116 vehicles carrying 395 visitors. Much of the travel through the North Entrance was employee travel and travel from Indian reservations in connection with the reduction program of the Northern Yellowstone Elk Herd. In January 1958, 145 vehicles entered the Park carrying 503 visitors.

Inspections. Mr. Coleman Newman, biologist from Washington, D. C. was in the Park from January 17 through the 24th observing the management program for the Northern Yellowstone Elk Herd.

Mr. Samuel [illegible]. Hoover, Jr., Electrical and Electronics Engineer from the Washington Office arrived in the Park on January 28.

Messrs. J. F. Lykins and George J. Vonesh, GAO auditors from Denver, arrived in the Park on January 23. Mr. Gray, GAO auditor from Washington arrived January 19. They were here on a special assignment covering camping, boating and fishing problems.

Mr. Harold Johnson, Civil Service Board advisor from Denver, arrived on January 19 and spent three days in the Personnel Branch inspecting operations and records and conferring with officials.

Special Visitors. Mr. Carl Hayden, photographer for the Salt Lake Tribune traveled to Old Faithful on January 13 via Snowmobile from West Yellowstone to obtain pictures and information for a story which will be published in the Tribune soon.

Captain Bob Fleet, U.S. Army, visited the Park on his way to Alaska where he will carry on cold weather experiments. Captain Fleet was a ranger in Yellowstone from 1941 to 1944.

Messrs. Trev Povah and Gar Halppie of Hamilton Stores, Inc., Santa Monica, California, visited the Park on January 11.

Special Activities. Superintendent Garrison and Chief Park Ranger Brown attended a meeting of the Directors of the Upper Gallatin Conservation Association in Bozeman on January 6 to discuss the Gallatin elk situation.

Chief Naturalist Condon provided a program of Park slides and narration for the annual Kiwanis Ladies Night on January 6 in Livingston.

Superintendent Garrison was in Billings on January 9 at a meeting with the Directors of the Billings Chamber of Commerce. Hugh D. Galusha, Jr. also attended this meeting.

Management Assistant Joseph Joffe attended a meeting of the Directors of the Pacific Northwest Travel Association on January 9 in Missoula. He and Stanley Joseph, Assistant Superintendent of Glacier National Park are directors of the PNTA from Montana.

Park Ranger Robert L. Burns returned from Custer Battlefield National Monument on January 10. He had been on a special assignment since December 14, as Acting Superintendent.

Superintendent Garrison and Management Assistant Joffe traveled to Helena on January 12 on public relations work including a Kiwanis Club luncheon where the Superintendent gave a talk on the Park.

Project Supervisor John Reeves was given a special assignment in Missoula on January 12, working on maps and Blister Rust Control planning for Yellowstone, in the U. S. Forest Service Office.

The two weeks Management Seminar held in Washington, from January 19 through 30 was attended by Assistant Superintendent Gastellum, Chief Ranger Brown, Park Engineer Rowe and Chief Park Naturalist Condon.

Acting Chief Park Ranger Frank E. Sylvester and Management Assistant Thomas K. Garry were at the University of Missoula from January 19 to 22 interviewing students for possible seasonal employment next summer in Yellowstone.

On January 20, Superintendent Garrison appointed the following to serve on the Safety Committee for 1959: Robert R. Robinson, Chairman, Joseph Ely, Clerk; Messrs. Elmer F. Armstrong, Thomas K. Garry and Gene F. McLeod, Members, and Messrs. Donald A. Newhart and Edward M. Schultz as Alternates.

Acting Forester Edwards conferred with U.S. Forest Service officials in Missoula on Blister Rust Control and Insect matters on January 21-24.

District Rangers Elt Davis and Harold O. Edwards left for Missoula on January 31 to attend a six weeks Management Training Course at the University.

Mr. Lennart Y. Berg, West District Ranger, gave a talk and showed slides at the West Yellowstone Lions Club on January 13.

Administration

Personnel. Henry W. Short, reinstatment, Personnel Assistant, GS-9, effective January 11, 1959. Mr. Short was formerly employed in Anchorage, Alaska, with the Joint Board of Civil Service Examiners. He will serve as the Executive Secretary of the local Board of U. S. Civil Service Examiners.

James T. Fisher, converted to Career Conditional, Sign Maker, Ungraded, effective January 5.

Delmar Riley, conversion to Career, Ungraded, Painter, effective January 23.

Lloyd B. Bjerum, resignation, Project Clerk, GS-4, WAE, effective January 5.

William L. England, retirement, mandatory age, January 29.

The Board of U. S. Civil Service Examiners conducted two written examinations during the month. One was a Federal Service Entrance Examination, and the other was a Stenographer-Typist Examination. Considerable interest has been evidenced from employees in the FSEE and another test will be conducted next month.

In-Service Training. All available personnel attended a safety and orientation meeting held in the Canteen on January 30. This was the first meeting in a series which is expected to continue throughout the winter.

Miscellaneous. The first meeting of the National Federation of Federal Employees for 1959 was held on January 5 with election of the following officers: President, Thomas K. Garry, Vice President, Lee L. Coleman, Treasurer, George J. Tracy, and Secretary, Harriet I. Summers, Guard, James T. Manion.

Eighteen Explorer Scouts from Livingston enjoyed a trip to Norris Geyser Basin on January 3. Chief Park Naturalist Condon accompanied this group and reported the temperature was 25 degrees below zero but the boys did not complain. This extreme cold weather made the geyser basin more beautiful and the ghost trees were never more impressive.

The Yellowstone Park School resumed classes on January 5.

Mr. Henry J. Pratt received a promotion to First Lieutenant with the U. S. Army Reserve, Infantry Regiment on January 26. Henry serves as Executive and Supply Officer for his regiment. He is Personnel Assistant.

The American Federation of Government Employees held their regular meeting on January 12.

We are happy to report that Jerry Abbie was honored recently by having one of his pictures carried in the January 4 issue of the PARK COUNTY NEWS. The picture is an interesting sketch of a youngster making his first acquaintance with a half-smoked cigar. Jerry's father, Lester Abbie, is employed as a mechanic by the National Park Service here in Yellowstone. Jerry has been a student at Montana State College at Bozeman, majoring in art.

The Community Council, composed of representatives of various organizations in the Park, held an election on January 14: Richard Miller, Chairman, Thomas E. Gerry, Vice Chairman; Aubrey Haines, Secretary-Treasurer, Robert Howe was appointed as Advisor.

The Yellowstone Library and Museum Association held its annual meeting in the Visitor Center Office at Mammoth at 2:00 p.m. on January 14. This organization has completed its 20th year of operation and retains two of the members of the Board of Directors who have served each year since its inception, Joseph Joffe and Jack Haynes. The reports of the Executive Secretary, Treasurer and the Clerk were accepted by the Board. There were nine members of the Board of Directors present at the meeting. The Board elected Mr. Arthur Hewitt and Mr. Lois [illegible] Castellum to the Board filling the vacancies of Warren F. Gordon and John [illegible] Tyers who, within the past year, transferred from Yellowstone National Park. The present members of the Board of Directors are: Joseph Joffe, Chairman, David deL. Condon, Executive Secretary, Ann Biastoch, Treasurer, Lemuel [illegible] Garrison, Lois A. Castellum, Merrill D. Beal, Jack E. Haynes, Aubrey L. Haines, Thomas B. Hyde, Otto M. Brown and Arthur F. Hewitt.

Mr. Joseph Joffe was admitted to the Memorial Hospital in Livingston, Montana for surgery on January 10 and remained in the hospital throughout the month.

Mr. Huntley Child, First Vice President of the Yellowstone Park Company has been selected for a four-year term as a member of the Advisory Council to the Montana State University Business Administration School. Mr. Hugh D. Galusha, Jr. has been selected as chairman of the Council.

Snowmobiles of West Yellowstone, operated by Harold Young, made 19 trips from West Yellowstone to Old Faithful and return during the month of January, carrying 120 passengers. This was eight trips more than in January 1958 when 80 passengers were transported to Old Faithful.

Work was started on the new accounting system and reporting procedures as outlined in FC 12-56 Supplement No. 5 relative to placing the Service's real property under proper accounting control. This involved securing records from the Federal Records Center in Denver and research work over the years. Journal vouchers have now been prepared to properly identify fixed assets in the amount of $2,040,515.18 which brings Yellowstone up to date from January 1, 1942 when this type of records was first started.

A report on the Geographical Distribution of Payrolls was sent to the Director showing Yellowstone employees came from 45 states in the Union. Copy of earning statements were sent to these states and 8 cities showing earnings during the 1958 calendar year.

A quarterly report was sent to the District Collector of Internal Revenue reporting FICA and Federal Income tax withheld totaling $45,496.64.

Annual reconciliation of taxes withheld together with supporting W-2 forms were sent to the District Collector of Internal Revenue. Taxes withheld from employees amounted to $189,229.06 and 763 W-2 forms were sent. Annual retirement Report revealed 190 employees had accumulated $238,338.49. Salaries paid employees from the three states in which Yellowstone National Park is located, during the 1958 calendar year were: Montana - $737,347.28, Wyoming - $149,183.69, Idaho - $121,814.68. California led outside states with $77,078.77, Washington - $41,594.18, and Colorado - $33,734.08.

Births. A son, Dave Scott, was born to Mr. and Mrs. William S. Chapman, Jr., on January 17 in the Memorial Hospital, Livingston. Bill is temporarily employed by the Yellowstone Library and Museum Association on exhibit preparation.

Deaths. Mrs. Luisa Holm, January 5, at Karlskoga, Sweden. Mrs. Holm is the mother of Mrs. Victor Hjelm of Yellowstone Park. Mr. Hjelm is employed by the Yellowstone Park Company.

Mrs. Louisa Condon, in Provo, Utah, January 24, mother of David Condon, Chief Park Naturalist.

Marriages. John W. Hughes, of West Yellowstone and Jane G. Lubbock of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, were married in the Yellowstone Chapel at Mammoth on January 2. The temperature was 29 degrees below zero. Rev. Jack Jennings performed the ceremony. Jack is a Ranger station at West Yellowstone and Jane was employed in the Ranger Office at Mammoth as a Clerk-Typist.

Accidents and Public Safety. At a Safety Committee meeting held on January 13, a summary was given to the Committee regarding automobile accidents in which Government employees were involved.

Cooperative Activities

Publicity. The annual travel story for 1958 was mailed to the press and the Park mailing list on January 26.

On each Thursday, the Yellowstone Weekly News was issued to keep employees, concessioners and others currently informed.

Religious and Chapel Use. The Chapel was used every Sunday for the regular Protestant church school and services.

The Rev. Warren W. Ost, Director of a Student Ministry in the National Parks, New York, was in the Park January 9-11 to discuss the religious program of the Park.

Museum Activities and Exhibits. A list has been prepared of the Nez Perce items in the Yellowstone National Park Collection in readiness for use in planning the development of Big Hole Battlefield National Monument Exhibit Plans.

Concessioners. There was a meeting with Yellowstone Park Concessioners in Livingston, Montana on January 8, to discuss 1959 operations. Messrs. Trev Povah and Gar Helppie of Hamilton Stores, Inc., Mr. and Mrs. Jack Haynes of Haynes Inc., Messrs. John Q. Nichols, Huntley Child and Hugh Galusha, Jr. of the Yellowstone Park Company, Dr. Alfred M. Lueck of the Yellowstone Park Medical Service and others met with Superintendent Garrison and other National Park Service officials. A group of Livingston businessmen provided a social affair for the Yellowstone group and their wives at the Livingston Golf & Country Club.

The Yellowstone Park Company had a staff meeting in La Jolla, California on January 24 and personnel from Yellowstone Park and Gardiner attended: Messrs. Huntley Child, Charles Marshall, Ronald Latimore and Tom Hallin. There were two promotions within the

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Yellowstone Park Company this month when Fred T. Burke, comptroller, and Thomas J. Hallin, Maintenance & Construction supervisor, were promoted to Vice Presidents.

Protection and Ranger Service. Horseback patrols along the north boundary of the Park were continued throughout the month. An overnight ski patrol was made from the Lone Star Base Camp to Shoshone Lake Geyser Basin and several patrols were made in over-snow equipment from Moran to the South Entrance.

On January 6, 8 and 9 unsuccessful efforts were made to haze bison from the Upper Nez Perce Creek area.

The road was plowed to Lake on January 5. V-plows have made several trips out in the Park this winter in the hopes that a minimum amount of plowing now may expedite spring snow removal.

Law Enforcement. The FBI Special Agent, J. Mason Melvin reported that a Park felony offense committed on May 30, 1956, involving the theft and interstate transportation of a stolen motor vehicle, has been recently cleared by the arrest of two suspects. The FBI Representative also reported that a case of fraud committed by a Yellowstone Park Company auditor has been cleared with the arrest of the suspect in California. Mr. Melvin also advised that an embezzlement case, involving two Yellowstone Park Company female cabin clerks, has resulted in sentences of two years probation for each defendant. All of the loss, approximately $545, was recovered and will be returned to the Yellowstone Park Company.

Building Fire Protection. Inspection for fire hazards of all Government buildings in the Mammoth Village was completed during the month. Fire extinguishers were inspected and replacements made where necessary.

Wildlife and Fish Cultural Activities. ANTELOPE. These animals can be seen every day between Gardiner and Mammoth on the flats. Seventy-nine were counted within the Park on January 31.

BIRDS. A waterfowl and Bald Eagle census was taken in the West Yellowstone and Old Faithful Sub-districts during the month.

BISON. The buffalo reduction started on January 7 and through the month 31 animals had been removed from the herd by direct reduction.

COYOTES. Coyotes have been seen on nearly every Snowmobile trip from West Yellowstone to Old Faithful. Very few coyotes have been observed along the Gallatin this year.

ELK. Direct reduction program for elk started on January 12 in the Lamar Valley. Light snow conditions have seriously hampered the reduction throughout the month. Through January 31, 603 animals had been removed, 409 by direct reduction, 79 by live trapping, and estimated hunter kill of 115.

MARTEN. Tracks of martens have been observed at several places in the Park. One animal was observed near the East Entrance on January 17.

MOOSE. Moose have been observed in several areas in the Park, including East Entrance, Crevice Gulch, Buffalo Pass and Grayling Creek.

Lemuel A. Garrison
Superintendent

In triplicate

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